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1. OPTIMISM CONCERNING FAHMY-EL SAQQAF WASHINGTON VISIT. RESERVED RECEPTION TO QADHAAFI'S VISIT TO CAIRO TO APOLOGIZE (IN HIS OWN WAY) FOR HIS BEHAVIOR TOWARD EGYPT IN PAST SIX MONTHS. HIGH INTEREST TODAY IN SADAT'S SPEECH AND IN HONORING EGYPT'S OCTOBER WAR HEROES.

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2. AL-AKHBAR PUBLISHED TWO COLUMN/TWO PHOTO INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN PETER FRELINGHUYSEN. INTERVIEW LED OFF WITH QUESTION THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS REBUTTAL TO MOHAMED HASSANEIN HAIKAL'S FINAL, "SPEAKING FRANKLY," EDITORIAL, "HAS US ME POLICY ACTUALLY CHANGED, OR IS PRESENT WASHINGTON POLICY A MERE PASSING PHASE TIED TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS; AND AS SUCH AS CERTAIN OR UNCERTAIN AS THEIR FATE?" CONGRESSMAN FRELINGHUYSEN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IN ME HAS BEEN THAT ALL PARTIES RELATED TO CRISIS...INCLUDING THE US...HAVE REASSESSED THEIR PAST STANCES." HE DESCRIBED THE CHANGE AS BEING OF "GREAT BENEFIT IN SOLVING CRISIS ITSELF." US AWARENESS OF "ARAB WORLD'S HEIGHTENED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORTANCE WAS SO STRONG THAT IT IMPOSED ITSELF AS NATIONAL

POLICY," HE EXPLAINED. THOUGHT SECRETARY KISSINGER "WON OUR FULL CONFIDENCE" DURING CLOSED CONGRESSIONAL ME HEARINGS, HE SAID, "NEXT PHASE IS NOT ONE-MAN JOB." FRELINGHUYSEN EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT NIXON WILL NEITHER RESIGN NOR BE IMPEACHED. BUT EVEN IF NIXON'S ABSENCE FROM POWER IS ACCEPTED AS A POSSIBILITY, "US POLICY CONCERNING PEACEFUL AND PERMANENT ME SETTLEMENT WILL BE CERTAINLY FOLLOWED BY VICE PRESIDENT." HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ARAB OIL EMBARGO "WHICH HANGS LIKE CLOUD OVERSHADOWING CLARITY OF UNDERSTANDING WE SEEK, WILL NOT EXCEED LIMITS OF ENDURANCE."

- 3. ON WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE CONCLUSION, AL-AKHBAR FRONTPAGED RESOLUTION THAT BOTH PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES "SHOULD MEET" AND THAT "FRANCE WAS ONLY OPPONENT OF RESOLUTIONS." LEADING FOREIGN PAGE AL-AHRAM STORY CARRIED SIMILAR HEADLINE. AL-GUMHURIYYA'S STORY UNDERLINED "CALL FOR COOPERATION WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES" AND "FRANCE' REFUSAL TO OFFER CONCESSIONS AND RESERVE RIGHT FOR BILATERAL ACCORDS." PARTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S NEWS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION ENERGY CONFERENCE AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE WERE ALSO CARRIED BY THREE MAJOR DAILIES.
- 4. PAPERS CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL COVERAGE TO VISITS OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS, SHIRLEY TEMPLE, ETC.
- 5. TV SCIENCE PROGRAMS USED SCIENCE REPORT 133A AND 140B AND "THE FIRST TEN MONTHS OF LIFE." LATTER FILM RECEIVED WARM RESPONSE.
- $6.\ EDUCATOR$  JAMES JARRETT PROGRAM WENT WELL. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
- 7. USIS CULTURAL ADVISOR ARRANGED FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONGRESS OF UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO GRAND SHEIKH OF AL AZHAR TO ATTEND MAR 1976 PHILADELPHIA CONGRESS.

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8. LOUIS AWAD, LITERARY EDITOR AL AHRAM, AND NAGUIB MAHFOUZ, RENOWNED AUTHOR AND AL AHRAM STAFFER, HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM UCLA AND PRINCETON TO LECTURE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN US. NO APPARENT CONNECTION BETWEEN US VISITS AND CHANGE IN AL-AHRAM EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP. EILTS

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